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PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

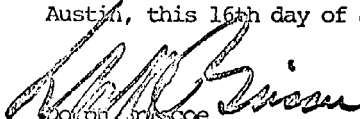
June 16, 1973

As provided under the provisions of Section 14, Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Texas, I disapprove of H. B. 548 and am filing same with the Secretary of State setting forth the following objections:

State-owned lands are a trust that must be guarded jealously. However, in the Western part of Texas, state-owned lands are scattered in a checkerboard fashion and there is a good basis for consideration of possible trades that will consolidate some of these lands into manageable units and to develop wilderness areas or state parks for the protection and preservation of lands having unique scenic, historical or archaeological value for the public trust. H. B. 548 is a specific bill to permit an exchange of lands in the vicinity of Hueco Tanks State Park for state-owned land in the vicinity of Horizon City. The safeguards developed in this bill were later incorporated by the author of this bill in H. B. 735. Since I am signing H. B. 735, there is no need for H. B. 548 as the trade it authorizes can be implemented under the provisions of H. B. 735 if determined to be desirable by the Commissioner of the General Land Office and the School Land Board.

H. B. 543 was received in the Governor's Office less than ten (10) days prior to the adjournment of the regular session of the Sixty-third Legislature, and in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Texas, this bill, together with this Proclamation, is filed with the Secretary of State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I
have hereunto signed my name
officially and caused the seal of
the State to be affixed hereto at
Austin, this 16th day of June, 1973.


Dolph Briscoe
Governor of Texas

Secretary of State